

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond and
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices
Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 8 (MC2009-33)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-44

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued July 20, 2012)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire July 27, 2012.¹ The Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a 60-day extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect until such time as the Postal Service and its contract customer can reach agreement on the terms of the new contract.

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working cooperatively to reach a new agreement, but “extenuating circumstances” have occurred that have kept the Postal Service and its contract customer from reaching agreement prior to the expiration date of the Existing Agreement. *Id.* at 1. The Postal Service represents that

¹ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, July 19, 2012 (Motion).

it and the contract customer expect to reach agreement on a new contract in the next few weeks. *Id.* at 2. To maintain continuity, the Postal Service requests that the terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement be extended for 60 days. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for 60 days from the current expiration date until September 25, 2012. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed July 19, 2012, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for 60 days from the current expiration date, until September 25, 2012.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary